

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROP SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BETTY LOU KASTEN**, on January 6, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 108 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Chuck Swysgood, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Delila Croucher, Committee Secretary
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Services Division
Lorene Thorson, Legislative Services Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): Department of Public Health & Human Services
-Directors Office
-Quality Assurance Division
Prevention Resource Division

Executive Action: Adopt Committee Bill

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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6.00 are missing}*

Informational Testimony: Laurie Ekanger gave a presentation for the Director's office of the Department of Public Health and Human Services. She gave an overview of the department legal affairs, customer relations, public information, human services, telecommunications program, and budget issues. A discussion on the cost of contracting versus the cost of permanent or modified FTE took place as well as other budget topics such as the outreach program in Great Falls. **EXHIBIT(jhh03a01)**

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Kryss Kuntz, the Executive Director of the Governor's Committee on the Montana Telecommunication Access Program (MTAP), discussed the possibility of an FTE position to be located in the Helena office, expanding contracted services, and increasing contract costs for relay services, TDD and other equipment in order for MTAP to meet growing demands.

Rep. Swysgood asked for clarification of the numbers in table 13 on page B-36 of the *Budget Analysis 2001 Biennium: Agency Budgets - Volume 1*. FTE numbers were also reviewed.

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Judy Garrity, coordinator of the Prevention Resource Center, gave a brief presentation. **EXHIBIT(jhh03a02)**

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Denzel Davis from the Quality Assurance Division spoke of division goals, the Office of Fair Hearings and its responsibilities, the Audit & Program Compliance Bureau and its responsibilities, the Licensure Bureau and its responsibilities, the Certification Bureau and its responsibilities, and the Budget of the Quality Assurance Division. **EXHIBIT(jhh03a03)**

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Lois Steinbeck discussed a change in the department budget for direct worker salary increase **EXHIBIT(jhh03a04)**. An overview of the monthly budget status report prepared by the department was reviewed.

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Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved that the subcommittee request to amend section 53-4-211(2) to lower the state maintenance of effort for the TANF block grant from 80 percent to 77 percent.

Motion carried 4-2 with Rep. Barnhart and Sen. Waterman voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

DELILA CROUCHER, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (jhh03aad)